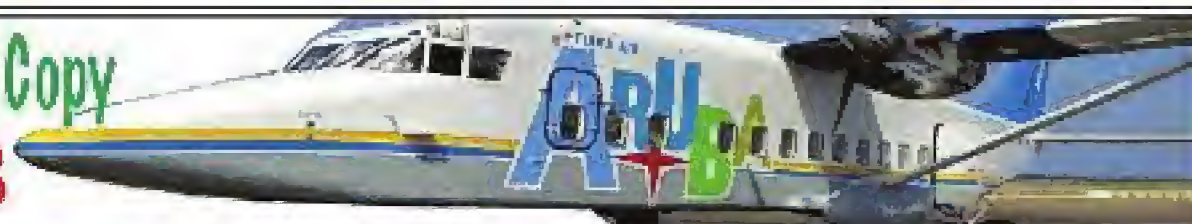


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Last Monday morning the Minister of Tourism, Labor and Transport, Otmar Oduber received a courtesy visit from the Curacao Minister of Social Development, Labor and Welfare, Jaenne-Marie Francisca together with her delegation. During the day the Curacao delegation met with different labor sectors on the

island to exchange ideas regarding the labor force in Curacao.

The primary purpose of the visit was to explore the many changes that the Ministry of Labor has enacted recently and which has captivated the attention of our sister island-Curacao. Within this context the Curacao del-

egation received an extensive presentation from the Aruba Department of Labor Development (DPL), the Department of Labor (DAO) and the Department of Education for Employment (EpE) with respect to management, vision and important factors which has made each department successful.



World gets first glimpse of Britain's royal baby



LONDON (AFP) - Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate gave the world its first glimpse of their newborn baby son on Tuesday, cradling the future king in their arms as they left hospital to go home.

The Duchess of Cambridge told the massed international media that it had been a "very emotional" experience, while the duke said that they were still working on a name for the third-in-line to the throne. (continued on pg 6)

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Aruba's Minister of Labor indicated that it is our intention to fully cooperate with Curaçao. The government of Aruba is also interested in certain instruments being used in Curaçao in their labor sector. This will have its focus in the second phase of the changes in our labor laws, according to Minister Oduber.

Curaçao has recently entered a phase of modernization in their labor sector, and has begun giving structure to

their job bank, which compared to Aruba is our DPL. On Monday, the delegation received a presentation on how our DPL functions.

The Curaçao delegation exchanged information and created a good alliance with their Aruban colleagues. Fortunately, the islands are sisters without any language barriers, hence can expect to benefit greatly. The encounter from both partners was hailed as very fruitful.

Dutch Caribbean and the U.S. don't really want independence

Completely independent? We can arrange that easily, said Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte during his visit to the Dutch Caribbean. But it's not that simple. The U.S. is against it.

If the Caribbean islands want to be fully independent, they are free to do so. The Netherlands cannot kick them out of the Kingdom, but they can get out of it themselves. Under international law, the choice is up to them.

"If you want out, and a majority of your population supports that, then that is possible," said Prime Minister Mark Rutte during his recent trip to Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius. He mentioned this behind the scenes to local administrators. But the way Rutte spoke out is remarkable. To politicians who may want to cut the ties he said, "You just call me and we will arrange that."

Rutte also stressed that the Netherlands is no longer prepared to reach to its pocket if the Caribbean islands get into trouble. There is the image that there is still too much Dutch money that goes to the six islands, but that's no longer the case since 2010. Three years ago the country The Netherlands Antilles was dissolved and Curaçao and Sint Maarten gained a country status, like Aruba, within the Kingdom. The smaller islands of Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius became municipalities of the Netherlands. The Netherlands paid the arrears of the Antilles, nearly 2 billion, but is discontinuing subsidy programs. They did keep a watchful eye on the finances and administration of



the islands.

Most islanders do not want to separate from the Netherlands. They cherish their Dutch passport, even though the bill initiative presented by Member of Parliament for VVD, André Bosman makes access to the Netherlands difficult for the people of the former Netherlands Antilles.

Rutte, who visited the islands for the first time during his premiership, made it sound simple to cut off ties with the Netherlands. But the great ally, the United States

will try to prevent that. The Netherlands is responsible for foreign policy and defense of all the islands in the kingdom structure. Nowhere outside the Netherlands are there more Dutch soldiers than on the Caribbean islands, especially to combat the drug trafficking between North and South America. The fear is great that the drug mafia will take over all the islands if the Netherlands is no longer responsible for them.

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Senate panel backs Power as US envoy to UN



Samantha Power, the nominee for US ambassador to the United Nations, with President Barack Obama

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's pick to serve as envoy to the United Nations earned approval Tuesday from a key Senate panel, paving the way for her expected confirmation by the chamber.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted overwhelmingly in support of Samantha Power, a genocide expert and human rights champion, to be Obama's ambassador to the global body.

Power enjoys broad bipartisan support and is expected to sail through to confirmation.

But she raised the ire of Venezuela during the confir-

mation process last week when she told a hearing she would stand up to "repressive regimes" and challenge the "crack-down on civil society" in the oil-rich South American nation.

In response, Venezuela late Friday said it has "ended" its rapprochement with the United States, slamming what it called her "interventionist agenda."

Senators made no mention of the Venezuela row in Tuesday's committee meeting.

Power, 42, would replace Susan Rice, who leaves under a cloud for her role in the administration's public explanation for the deadly attack on the US mission in Libya last September 11 that left four Americans dead including the ambassador there.

Power herself has come under criticism for a number of remarks she made a decade ago, including speaking of "crimes committed" by the US government.

Senator Marco Rubio was one of two lawmakers to vote against her on the 18-member panel.

"She failed to distance herself from these statements at the hearing and offered insufficient explanation, leaving me with serious concerns about some of her views," Rubio said.

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ORANJESTAD, The Department of Public Works - DOW - informs to all motorists and the inhabitants of Eagle in particular that as of yesterday, July 23, the department has begun with the construction of a speed bump in Engelandstraat, in front of the Eagle Tennis club. For this, the Engelandstraat will be partially closed.

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DOW asks for everyone's understanding and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

US plan to arm Syria rebels gains support in Congress

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's plan to provide vetted Syrian rebels with weapons and strategic military aid has gained traction in Congress, US lawmakers said Tuesday.

The United States is currently providing humanitarian and non-lethal military aid to rebel groups battling the regime of strongman Bashar al-Assad.

Obama's administration promised an expansion of military aid to Syria's rebel forces in June after accusing the regime of using chemical weapons, but such aid has yet to be disbursed.

Lawmakers have been split on the proposal, but on Monday House Intelligence Committee chairman Mike Rogers said a "consensus" had been reached among the panel's members to accept Obama's plan despite "very strong concerns about the strength of the administration's plans in Syria and its chances for success."

On Tuesday House Speaker John Boehner also weighed in in favor of the committee's approach, saying "their effort to help the right set of rebels in Syria is in our nation's best interest."

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Beth Israel Synagogue has new spiritual leader

Meet Rabbi Daniel Kripper

The congregation of Temple Beth Israel in Oranjestad was pleased to welcome Rabbi Daniel Kripper and his wife Flora to the community in early April of this year. Originally born and raised in Argentina, Rabbi Kripper has lived, studied and worked in Israel and on both the east and west coast of the U.S. He originally earned his degree in Social Psychology in Buenos Aires. He pursued Jewish Studies in Israel, which segued into Rabbinical Studies and a career. For more than twenty years he was rabbi at the Nueva Congregación Israelita Montevideo in Uruguay, where he administered to a community of 900 families. He was also Dean of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano school in Argentina. He is an ordained rabbi with a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

Rabbi Kripper cordially welcomed a visit from THE MORNING NEWS to discuss his philosophy about Judaism in a modern, changing world, and his hopes for joining and interacting with not only temple members, but the Aruban community in general.

TMN: As "the new rabbi in town," what are your aspirations for Aruba's small congregation and its place in Aruban society?

Rabbi: "Basically, some things will remain the same, things people count on from the temple, the routine that is part of the community agenda. We take pride in our traditional services, but combined with modern interpretations which allow a more personal and inclusive experience. It is a mix between Hebrew, traditional prayers, singing, but with an English explanation, brief sermon and introductions. It is a blend, a more accessible service. We have a rather diverse Jewish community in their background, age and family configuration; it is an open and friendly community."

An important point Rabbi Kripper's program is reaching out to the Christian community of Aruba, to generate greater understanding between the faiths. He has begun giving classes in Hebrew, and welcomes all interested in learning the language of the Old Testament, which he feels would enable them to better understand the bible,

particularly as it has often been mistakenly translated and misinterpreted over the centuries, as it was rewritten into various languages.

Rabbi: "I am truly a teacher. I have been teaching Hebrew at Christian and Catholic Seminars and Protestant institutes. It is my way of opening up to other religions, other viewpoints and sharing. I would hope to bring them as close as possible to the original text and culture, what goes beyond language."

I take pride in connecting with Christian spiritual leaders; I think this is part of an important aspect of a rabbi's purpose, at least for me, is to connect people. To connect people with the original version of the Bible, its culture; to connect people with God, Jews with Judaism, and to connect the Jewish community with the world. We are part of a society, and I would hope to get them more involved with social action. We cannot be an "island within an island." At this phase, I am exploring the things to do, getting to know people and making friends. We have a small Jewish community, but I would say it is very enthusiastic in many respects."

Dr. Kripper works towards this goals on a global level as Senior Rabbinic Editor of the website www.thedailyrabbi.com, "an



Rabbi Daniel Kripper

movements and perspectives from around the globe." They also have a page on Facebook and can be found on Twitter. He describes it as "multi-denominational," aimed at assisting Jews from ultra-orthodox to secular in finding answers and reconciling their faith with the demands of a modern world.

TMN: After such a varied career, what attracted you to

communities, mostly in Latin America. I had the honor of working as Assistant Rabbi to the great spiritual leader, Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer, which was truly inspiring. He was the founder of my seminary in Buenos Aires and my mentor. I have been a chaplain at a few small hospitals, but I was basically in academics; a teacher. I feel that is my calling. I had been interested in teaching since young, but in Israel, I was attracted to the Rabbinate by those I observed there. I was impressed by my teachers, the way they handled the congregation and infused them with Jewish values; this inspired me.

After spending three years in Argentina, my wife Flora and I were looking for a different environment, a different quality of life. There is here on Aruba, as far as I can tell, a more personal kind of work as rabbi, more "one-on-one" than we experience with such massive congregations. I think this is the most important task for any rabbi, to serve people on an individual basis. We need to be in touch with their personal needs and their spiritual needs, offering counseling, comfort and support. This is my critical job."

TMN: In a modern, changing world, what do you think are some of the challenges that you face as a rabbi in assisting Jews today, in

ago? Or is it very much the same with each generation?

Rabbi: "I would say both. There are questions that keep repeating; they are part of the human condition, such as the thirst for meaning. This, and spiritual questioning, is a permanent feature of the human condition."

But there is also changing circumstances, cultural circumstances and questions emerging, and they need to be answered, and solutions found. I would say technology offers us opportunity, and a challenge. The new developments allowing instant communication braces us; now we have to compete with the Internet. There is so much stimuli. Instead of opposing those trends and developments, I say we should take advantage of them. I try to adapt. I am on Facebook; this is a way of connecting with people, and that is my job, I am a "connector." I see the advantages; you have to be adaptable."

Rabbi Kripper expressed a hope to bring noted Jewish intellectuals and experts on Kabala and religious philosophy to Aruba to conduct seminars on the spiritual texts of the Jewish faith. He reports there is great interest in the subject.

The Aruban community was briefly introduced to Rabbi Kripper when he officiated at the Holocaust Remembrance ceremony conducted in Wilhelmina Park around the Anne Frank Memorial very soon after arriving on the island. He had invited two Evangelical pastors, Fathers Gilbert Martes and Eusebio Petrona, a demonstration of his deep commitment to connecting with all the community. "I would like to organize symposiums for individuals of all faiths," he explained, "to implement understanding and establishing a serious dialog, helping all our people reconcile their religious beliefs with today's culture and science. I think it is important to establish this bridge between faiths. We can promote these friendships, beyond protocols."

We of course, are not going to agree on everything, there are some fundamental differences, but we can look beyond the dogma, from my limited experience, there is so much more to share."



Rabbi Kripper with Pastors Gilbert Martes and Eusebio Petrona

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Aruba and prompted you to accept a position with such a small congregation?

Rabbi: "All my life, I have been working with large

such rapidly changing times and societies, in reconciling and appreciating their traditional faith, compared to a congregation of 35 years

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"We should talk about promoting unity and understanding and positive values," he concluded, "dispelling intolerance. You mentions the dangers and challenges in our times, and I would say intolerance and all the negative consequences it brings about,

is one of the greatest. We must encourage understanding and working together between all faiths, that is the best way of generating a change of attitude for coming generations. I don't want to sound too preachy or idealistic, but our greatest challenge

is how can we promote a culture of tolerance and love, and justice. That is our common values at the end of the day, what unites all of us, no matter which is our faith."

Rabbi Kripper conducts a weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service at Beth Israel Syna-

gogue every Friday evening, beginning at 7:30 PM. This week, being the last Friday of the month, the community will sit down to share a meal afterwards, with food platters provided by the congregation. All are welcomed to join them for some bagels, lox

and other treats.

The synagogue is located at Adriaan Lacle Blvd #2 and maintains a website: <http://bethisrael-aruba.blogspot.com/> for the latest news and schedules of services. They can also be contacted at telephone 582-3272







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World gets first glimpse of Britain's royal baby

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The baby raised a tiny hand above his white blankets but remained quiet and peaceful, despite cheers from well-wishers and shouts of hundreds of photographers outside the St Mary's Hospital in London.

The baby was born at 4:24pm (1524 GMT) on Monday after at least 10 hours of labour, weighing a healthy eight pounds six ounces (3.8 kilograms), ending weeks of anticipation around the globe.

Kate, wearing a loose-fitting cornflower-blue dress, held the baby as the royal couple emerged from the front door of the hospital's private Lindo Wing, before passing him to her husband.

"He's got a good pair of lungs on him, that's for sure," 31-year-old William -- the son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana -- told the press.

"It's a special time," added Kate, also 31. "I think any new parent would know what this feeling feels like."

After speaking briefly to the press, William and Kate returned to the hospital before re-emerging minutes later with their son in a car seat.

William secured the seat in the back of a black Range Rover parked outside the hospital, before driving his family back to their home at Kensington Palace.

Kate's sister Pippa was reportedly waiting for them at the palace.

The couple had earlier re-

ceived their first visitors with heir to the throne Prince Charles and Kate's parents Michael and Carole Middleton -- all first-time grandparents -- turning up at the hospital.

Congratulations have poured in from around the globe for the baby, a great-grandchild of Queen Elizabeth II, who will one day reign over Britain and 15 other Commonwealth realms around the world.

The baby remains officially nameless, although bookmakers have picked George and James -- traditional names that hark back to previous kings -- as favourites.

Cannon fire salutes rang out at the Tower of London and Green Park in celebration of the birth, while the bells at the 11th century Westminster Abbey pealed across the capital for three hours.

By mid-afternoon, Kate was well enough for a visit from her parents, self-made millionaires who run a party supplies business. They arrived in a humble black London taxi and initially looked bewildered by the sheer scale of the international media presence.

Charles arrived around two hours later with his wife Camilla in a chauffeur-driven limousine.

"Marvellous, thank you very much, absolutely wonderful," said Charles, who earlier in the day had been on a tour of Yorkshire in northern England.



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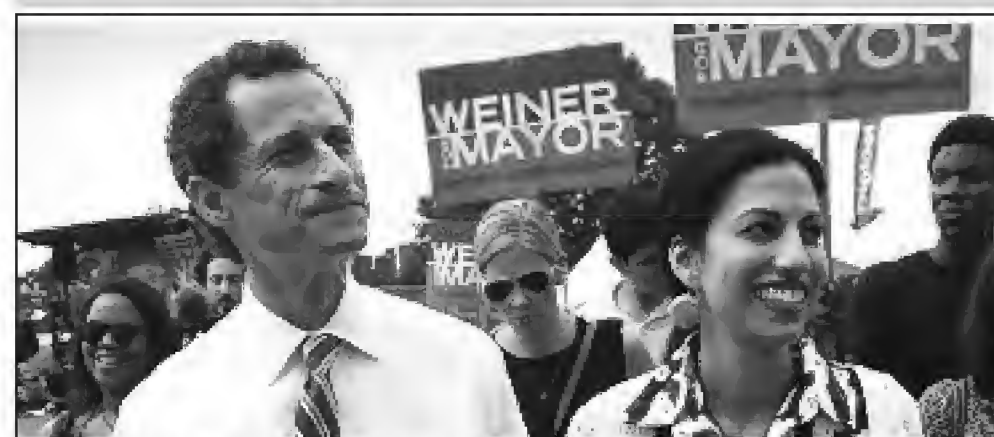
Toyota, Ford end hybrid partnership

CHICAGO (AFP) - Toyota and Ford have ended a partnership to jointly develop gas-electric hybrid systems for trucks and sport utility vehicles, the automakers said Tuesday.

"We know what it takes to build world-class hybrids, and we now will build and leverage that expertise in-house," said Raj Nair, Ford's chief of global product development.

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Weiner to stay in NY mayor race despite new sex claims



Anthony Weiner and wife Huma Abedin

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner said Tuesday he would continue his bid to become New York's next mayor despite being hit by a new sex scandal.

Weiner, 43, admitted sending lewd texts and photographs under the name "Carlos Danger" to a young woman a year after resigning

from Congress over similar revelations.

But he insisted his conduct had been covered by his previous confession and, at an emotionally charged press conference, his wife Huma Abedin said that she was standing by him and pleaded with the media to grant the couple time to resolve their problems in private.



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International News

Dutch court blocks Qaeda suspect's US extradition

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court on Tuesday blocked the extradition of a Dutch-Pakistani Al-Qaeda suspect to the US, saying there were unanswered questions about the US role in his alleged torture in Pakistan.

The man, identified as Sabir K., is accused in the US of planning to commit acts of terror including a suicide attack on a US military base in Afghanistan's Kunar province in 2010.

The 26-year-old Sabir K. said that the US played a role in what he said was his torture

in Pakistan following his arrest almost three years ago.

Without proof that the US was not involved in his alleged torture, extradition is illegal, the court said.

Arrested in Pakistan, Sabir K. was brought back in April 2012 to the Netherlands, where a string of court rulings have accepted and then rejected his extradition.

Sabir K. opposed his extradition request -- filed by the United States in June 2012 -- claiming that US officials had a role in his alleged torture while in custody in Pakistan.

Russia bans four Dutch nationals over 'gay propaganda'

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia on Tuesday banned four Dutch nationals from entering the country for three years after accusing them under a controversial new law that forbids the spreading of "gay propaganda" to minors.

The four had been accused by police in the northern Murmansk region of disseminating gay propaganda while making a documentary about gays in Russia and taking part in a human rights forum.

They had been due to appear in court on Monday in Murmansk to answer the accusations but the hearings appeared to have been shelved after their case was picked up by national and international media.

Russia's Federal Migration Service (FMS) said they had been banned from entering

Russia for violating visa regulations in their activities linked to "gay propaganda".

It was not clear if the four had already left Russia but one of the activists, Kris Van der Veen, indicated on his Facebook page that he was heading home.

"What freedom is... until tonight, dear all," he wrote.

Russian President Vladimir Putin last month signed the "gay propaganda" bill into law, a move that was strongly criticised by Western governments and rights organisations that said it would contribute to rising homophobia and arbitrary persecution of gays.

The FMS appears to have imposed the ban on the four for contravening visa regulations rather than for violating the new law.

Pope hails Brazil despite raucous welcome



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Pope Francis's popularity on his Latin American home turf posed a challenge to Brazilian authorities Tuesday after adoring crowds mobbed his car on his landmark visit to Rio de Janeiro.

The fervor that surrounded the pontiff's arrival Monday initially wrong-footed the organizers of the trip, which

began with a raucous reception from throngs of cheering pilgrims.

Despite heightened security for Latin America's first pope, legions of Roman Catholics were able to block his convoy and reach inside his car's open window.

The 76-year-old Argentine appeared delighted and waved and smiled while bodyguards

struggled to keep people at bay. His secretary later admitted to being terrified, but the pope was upbeat.

The authorities blamed the chaos on bad internal communication.

The city government said the pope's driver had taken a wrong turn, keeping the car stuck in traffic for several minutes.

The defense ministry agency in charge of security for events said the pope himself had asked the driver to slow down to greet the faithful.

The highlight of the papal trip to the world's most populous mainly Catholic country will be World Youth Day, a five-day event that kicked off on Tuesday.

The pontiff's trip, however, followed demonstrations in the country over political corruption and a failure to provide basic services.

Dutch judges remove Queen Maxima portraits from courtrooms

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch judges in The Hague have removed portraits of their new Argentine-born Queen Maxima from their courtrooms, saying they don't want to hand down verdicts before someone who is not head of state.

The popular Maxima, 42, became queen when Willem-Alexander was sworn in as king on April 30, succeeding his mother Beatrix on the throne. The couple's official photo was then hung in state buildings around the Netherlands.

But judges from a court in the city of The Hague argued that since Maxima is not a sovereign, portraits featuring the royal couple together should not be displayed in court.

The obligation to deliver

judgements "in the name of the head of state" was removed from the constitution around 10 years ago, Boer said.

But some judges in The Hague, the Netherlands' seat of government and home to the royal family, still hand down verdicts according to that tradition.

"They let it be known that it

bothered them to have photos of Maxima in court," Boer said.

The court then took down the portraits of Maxima, whose father Jorge Zorreguieta was a minister in the bloody dictatorship of Jorge Videla that saw thousands of political opponents disappeared in Argentina in the 1970s.

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Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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Japan firm widens recall after skin stain complaints



TOKYO (AFP) - Cosmetics maker Kanebo said Tuesday more than 2,000 Japanese had complained about skin discolouring after using its whitening products, as it widened its consumer recall outside Japan.

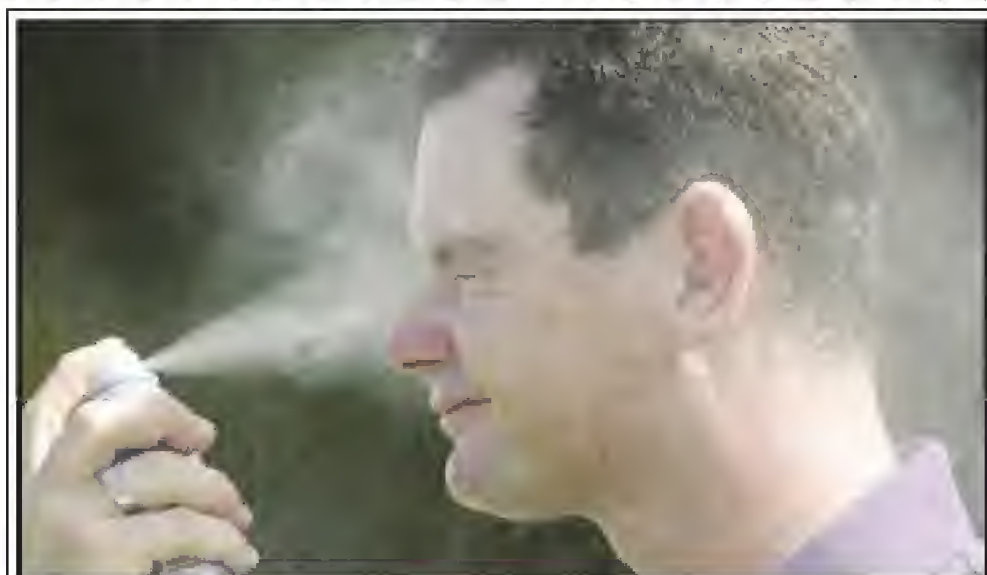
The company also said it had agreed to pay medical costs for people in Japan who

had been left with uneven colouring of their skin, even after they stopped using the products.

Earlier this month the company announced the recall from retailers all over Asia and Britain of a total of 54 cosmetics containing a substance called 4HPB, a synthetic version developed by Kanebo of a natural compound.

Skin whitening products are popular among women all over east Asia, with users seeking lighter tones.

Kanebo is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kao. The announcement came after the Tokyo stock market closed, where Kao finished the day unchanged at 3,445 yen.



— In a new Consumer Update, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) detailed five separate incidents in which people using sunscreen spray suffered severe burns when standing near open flames. The burns were so significant that they required medical treatment. The sources of ignition varied among the individuals and included the lighting of a cigarette, standing next to a lit candle, walking next to a grill, and even doing some welding. A label warning will indicate whether or not a product contains flammable ingredients. If one is present, spray products should never be applied near an open flame source. *Although the FDA advised consumers to be cautious when using sunscreen spray, the agency maintained that sunscreen application is crucial when venturing out into the summer sun.*

Men who skip breakfast face heart attack risk

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Men who skip breakfast may face a higher risk of heart attack or deadly heart disease, according to US research published.

A study of nearly 27,000 men found that those who failed to eat in the morning had a 27 percent higher risk of heart attack or death from coronary heart disease than those who did.

The men, ranging in age from 45 to 82, took part in a survey about food that tracked health outcomes from 1992-2008.

Those who did not eat breakfast tended to be on the younger side and were "more likely to be smokers, employed full time, unmarried, less physically active and drank more alcohol."

"Skipping breakfast may lead to one or more risk fac-



tors, including obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, which may in turn lead to a heart attack over time," said Leah Cahill, lead study author and a researcher at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The men who said they ate breakfast also appeared to eat one more time per day than those who did not, suggesting that those who skipped break-

fast did not make up for the lack of food later.

Ninety-seven percent of men in the study were white and of European descent, but researchers said the results should apply to those of other backgrounds as well.

"Don't skip breakfast," Cahill said. "Eating breakfast is associated with a decreased risk of heart attacks."

American detained in China amid pharma probe

BEIJING (AFP) - An American has been detained in China, a US embassy official said on Tuesday, as Chinese authorities continue a probe into corruption by multinational pharmaceutical companies.

Asked if a US citizen had been detained during the probe which has included charges of bribery against GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), embassy spokesman Nolan Barkhouse said: "We are aware that a US citizen has been detained in Shanghai. We are in contact with the individual and are providing all appropriate consular assistance."

China's authorities this month detained four Chinese GSK executives on allegations that employees paid nearly \$500 million in bribes to boost

sales. Other pharmaceutical companies have faced increased scrutiny, reports said.

Police say GSK staff offered government officials and doctors payoffs, and took kickbacks from travel agencies to

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China has sought to cut drug costs as part of government efforts to provide wider health care coverage.



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Apple developing iPhones and tablets with bigger screens: report

TAIPEI (AFP) - Apple could roll out smartphones and tablets with bigger screens in a move analysts say is an attempt to catch up with a trend set by its major rival Samsung.

The Californian tech giant and its Asian suppliers are testing smartphone screens larger than four inches and tablet screens slightly less than 13 inches, the Wall Street Journal reported, without naming the suppliers.

Samsung, which has released a series of handsets and tablets with increasingly larger screens, has seen its global market share rise as consumers flock to their products putting Apple under pressure to follow suit.

The paper said it was not clear if such designs would ever make their way onto the market, but analysts said smartphones with bigger displays are increasingly popular because they meet the needs of users.

Currently, the iPhone 5 has a four-inch screen, compared with Samsung's S4, an improved version of the South Korean company's popular predecessor the S3 and which boasts a five-inch screen.

Such handsets are often re-

ferred to as "phablets" because their size sits in between a phone and a tablet.

By offering multiple screen size options and handset prices, Samsung has seen its market share rise to 33.1 percent in the three months to March, while Apple was lagging with 17.9 percent, according to research by Strategy Analytics.

During the same three-month period, Samsung also witnessed its global tablet market share rise to 17.9 percent, up from 11.3 percent a year ago, while Apple's market share dived to 39.6 percent, a sharp decline from 58.1 percent the previous year, according to IDC.

While admitting Apple may still defend its argument that smartphones should be designed for one-hand use, Kuo said the continued improvement of battery and processor technologies could lead to rethinking that policy.

Kuo added Apple might also try bigger screens for its tablet products to meet the demand of users who hope to work on their devices.

The current iPad has a 9.7-inch screen while iPad Mini is armed with a 7.9-inch screen.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Tourists look at the blooming Titan Arum plant on Sunday at the US Botanic Garden in Washington, DC. The titan arum (*Amorphophallus titanum*), also known as the corpse flower or stinky plant, is blooming and it may remain in bloom for 24 to 48 hours, and then it will collapse quickly. The flower is eight feet (2.4 meters) tall and smells of decomposing flesh in order to attract pollinators like carrion beetles and dung beetles. Its blooming is unpredictable, and may happen every few years or every few decades. The plant was first discovered in 1878 and the last time one bloomed at the US Botanic Garden was in 2007.



Cybercrime costs up to \$500 bn

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Cybercrime costs the global economy between \$100 billion and \$500 billion annually, according to a study released Monday which acknowledged more

data is needed for precise estimates.

The study by the security firm McAfee and the Center for Strategic and International Studies said the US economy loses some \$100 billion to cyber crime and cyber espionage, including loss of key business data and intellectual property.

The estimate is lower than some earlier reports which put the costs as high as \$1 trillion, but study authors said it was a matter of narrowing the range of damage from cyber attacks.

"We believe the CSIS report is the first to use actual eco-

nomics modeling to build out the figures for the losses attributable to malicious cyber activity," said Mike Fey, chief technology officer at McAfee.

The report said the impact of cybercrime includes loss of intellectual property and confidential information; reduced trust for online activities; additional costs for security, insurance and recovery; and damage to reputations.

Lewis said the impact on business could translate into the loss of as many as 508,000 jobs in the United States, based on a government formula for the ratio of exports to US jobs

New York heat wave kills four

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The heat wave that hit New York last week killed four elderly people, the office of the city's chief medical examiner (OCME) said Monday.

The four victims all succumbed to hyperthermia, which occurs when a body absorbs more heat than it can release. Two women, 81 and 83, died of the condition on Saturday, a day after two men, aged 78 and 88, succumbed in similar circumstances.

The deaths came towards the end of a seven-day heat wave in which temperatures soared as high as 109 degrees Fahrenheit (42.7 Celsius).

The heat wave started to ease on Sunday and the peak temperature on Monday was a much more comfortable 80 Fahrenheit (27C).



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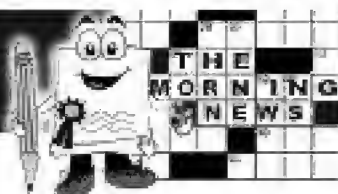
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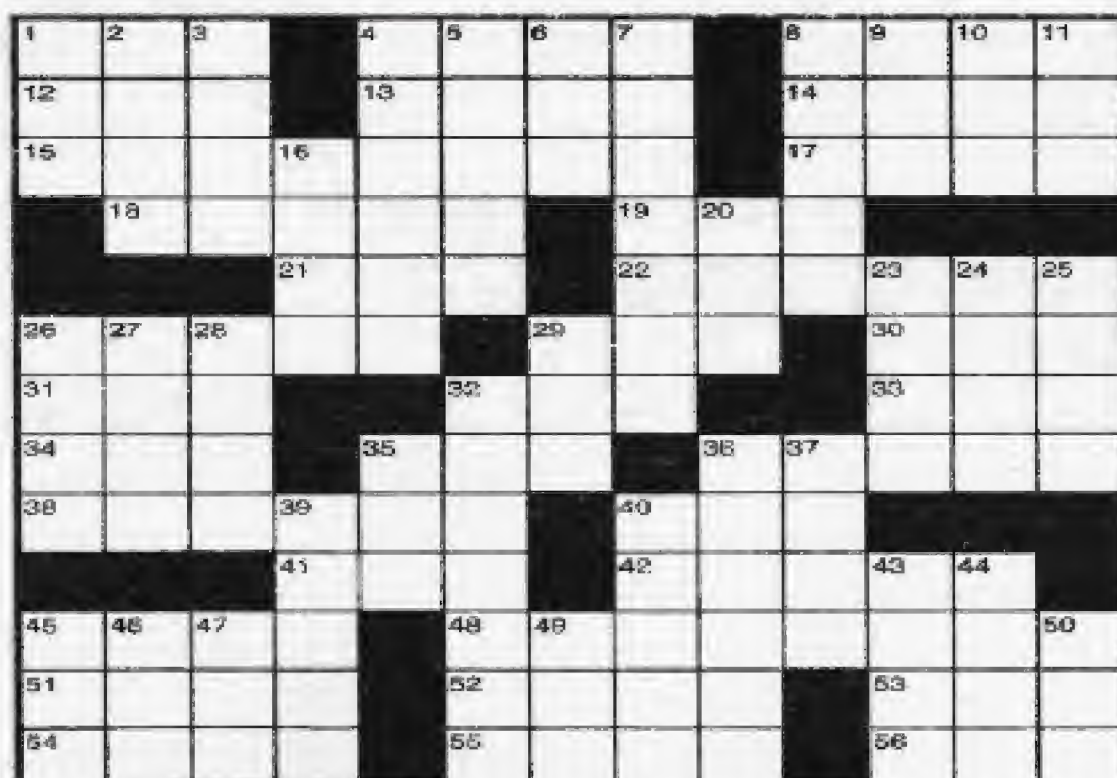
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30. Horse food
31. Cleanser ingredient
32. "So long!"
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34. Alias letters
35. Mediocre mark
36. Actress Leigh
38. Soften
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48. Craved water
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3. Eat between meals
4. Stop talking (2 wds.)

5. Felt sick
6. TV knob (abbr.)
7. Put in bondage
8. Upper body
9. Reporter's question
10. Legal _____ Society
11. Call for help
16. Docile
20. Meadow mom
23. Genghis _____
24. Gutter locale
25. No, to Yuri
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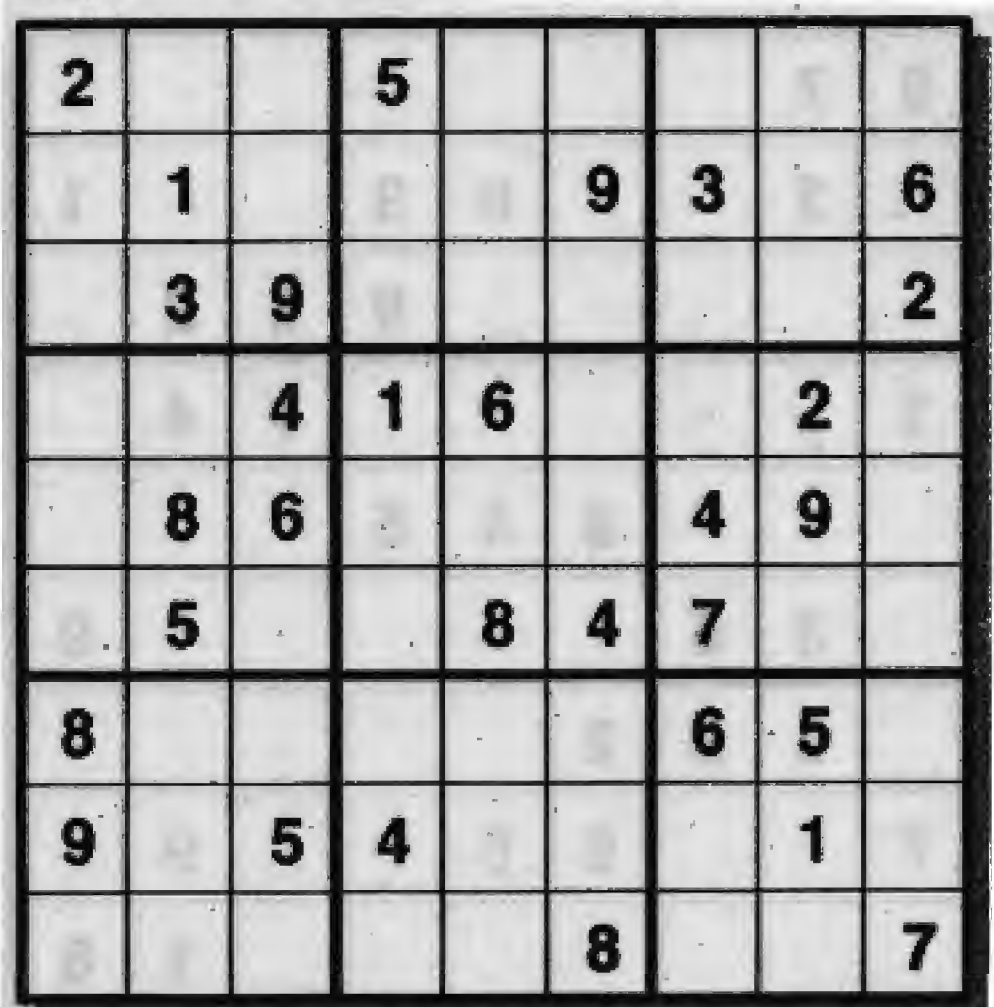
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US Congress eyes another debt ceiling showdown

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Signaling an autumn fiscal showdown, the top Republicans in the US House and Senate warned Tuesday that extending federal borrowing authority would require fresh spending cuts.

"We're not going to raise the debt ceiling without real cuts in spending. It's as simple as that," House Speaker John Boehner told reporters.

Boehner's remarks come as Obama, with whom he spent weeks negotiating an ill-fated grand fiscal bargain in 2011, stakes out his position this week with a series of speeches on the economy.

White House spokesman Jay Carney spoke to the looming debt ceiling battle -- likely to begin after lawmakers' August recess -- saying "we will not negotiate over Congress's responsibility to pay the bills that Congress racked up."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid sounded a note of frustration when confronted with the same issue.

Republicans were able to extract some tax cuts from Obama in 2011 in exchange for raising the debt ceiling, but the issue came to a head late last year during the so-called "fiscal cliff," a collection of spending cuts and automatic tax hikes.

Congress ended up raising taxes for those making over \$400,000 per year, but it also allowed the automatic across-

the-board spending cuts known as "sequestration" to take effect.

Obama and economists warned of the dire effects of the sequester. Although the economy has grown in 2013, some say the growth would have been stronger without the spending cuts.

Meanwhile the 2013 fiscal year ends on September 30, and a new temporary agreement to fund the government will need to be in place by then or parts of the federal government will shut down.

Some Republican senators are already threatening to allow just that, saying they will vote against any deal that does not defund Obama's landmark health care law.

Top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell declined to say Tuesday whether he would sign on to such a pledge, but he expressed support for maintaining sequestration as a way to keep slashing the deficit.

Republicans agreed to raise the debt limit in May provided that both the House and Senate approve budget proposals for fiscal year 2014.

Both chambers did so but lawmakers have refused to appoint negotiators to reach a budget compromise.

US stocks close mixed; Dow inches up to new record

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks closed mixed on Tuesday, with the Dow creeping up to close at a new record high after mixed company results, while Apple dragged the Nasdaq lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 22.19 (0.14 percent) at 15,567.74, scoring a new all-time high. The prior record was set last Thursday at 15,465.91.

The broad-based S&P 500 gave up 3.14 (0.19 percent) at 1,692.39, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index slid 21.11 (0.59 percent) to 3,579.27.

Apple shed 1.7 percent ahead of its earnings, due after the market closed.

Several leading companies, including Dow components

DuPont, United Technologies and Travelers, reported profits that exceeded analyst expectations.

Yet revenues lagged forecasts at both DuPont and United Technologies, as well as at a number of smaller companies.

Chemical and biosciences giant DuPont edged down 0.1 percent after earnings came in one cent above expectations at \$1.28 per share.

The company said it was exploring a possible sale of its performance chemicals division.

United Technologies, which works in the building and aerospace sectors, gained almost 3.0 percent after earnings exceeded expectations by 14 cents at \$1.71 per share.

But Travelers retreated 3.8 percent despite easily topping expectations with \$2.13 per share instead of the forecasted \$1.61.

Some analysts said earnings were inflated by one-time items and pointed to a drop in book value per share due to the impact of increased interest rates on some investments.

Netflix tumbled 4.5 percent despite a fivefold increase in profits. Investors fretted that the company's subscriber base is growing more slowly than in the past.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury bond rose to 2.52 percent from 2.49 percent Monday, while the 30-year rose to 3.59 percent from 3.56 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

Spain's short-term borrowing costs fall in bill auction

MADRID (AFP) - Spain's short-term borrowing costs fell on Tuesday in a bill auction, a sign of greater market confidence in the country's financial strength.

The Spanish treasury said it raised 3.52 billion euros (\$4.63 billion) in sovereign bills of three and nine months' maturity on Tuesday, surpassing its target of 2.5 to 3.5 billion euros.

It raised 920 million euros in three-months bills at an average yield of 0.442 percent, down by nearly half from the 0.869 percent in the last similar auction on June 25.

The treasury also sold 2.6 billion euros in nine-month bonds at an average yield of 1.152 percent, down from 1.441 percent during the last auction also on June 25.

The Spanish economy, the eurozone's fourth-biggest, remained in recession in the sec-

ond quarter but seemed close to a recovery thanks to exports, the the Bank of Spain said on Tuesday.

The central bank estimated the economy shrank by 0.1 percent on a quarterly basis and 1.8 percent on a yearly basis.

The Spanish economy has been in recession since mid-2011 and officially contracted by 0.5 percent in the first quarter this year.

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South African 'Lolita' banned at Durban film festival



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - A sex scene between a school-teacher and a pupil has led to the opening movie at this year's Durban International Film Festival being banned, organisers said Tuesday.

The decision to block the showing of the South African film "Of Good Report", has been met with outrage.

Censors objected to a scene "which constitutes child pornography and we are unable to legally show the film," a spokesman quoted festival director Peter Machen as saying.

Out of respect for film di-

rector Jahmil Qubeka, organisers did not screen a replacement film at the festival, showing instead the censorship message of the Film and Publications Board.

The movie's plot revolves around a small-town school where a predatory teacher attracted to young girls targets a 16-year-old student, played by a 23-year-old actress.

Sex between older men and young girls is a major cause of HIV in South Africa, which has the world's largest population living with AIDS -- over five million.

South Africa's age of consent is 16 but the country's publication laws only allow the portrayal of sex from 18 years upwards.

Some organisations cautioned filmmakers to refrain from portraying violence and abuse towards children while others called on authorities to be less moralistic in the application of the law.

Jackson's mother slams promoters

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Michael Jackson's 83-year-old mother lashed out at the promoters of his doomed last tour Monday, accusing them of letting her son "waste away" before his 2009 death.

She wept in court again on her second day of testimony against AEG Live, promoter of the "This is It" tour which Jackson was rehearsing for in Los Angeles when he died.

The Jackson family matriarch also rebuffed a question about how much money she wants in damages, saying: "You can talk to my lawyers about that."

Grilled by AEG Live lawyer Marvin Putnam, she recalled the only time she asked her son about rumors that he was abusing drugs -- and said he denied it, despite at least one family "intervention" in the years before his death.

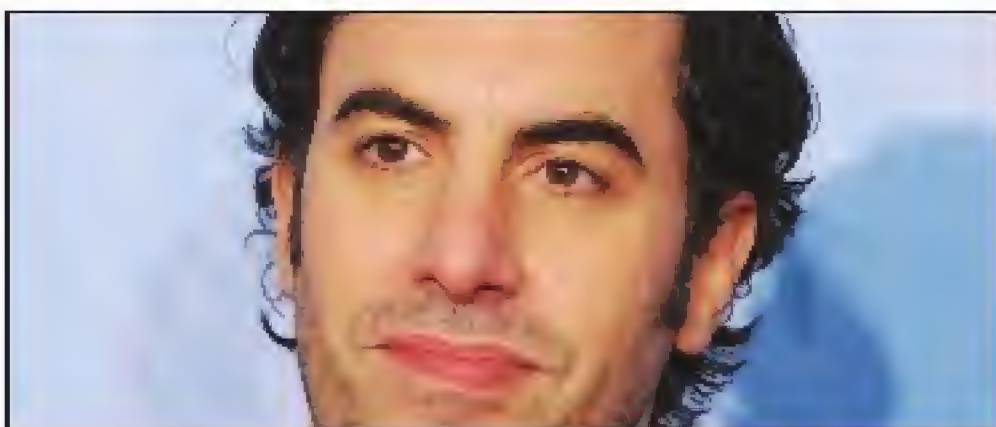
Katherine Jackson accuses AEG Live of pushing her son too hard as he rehearsed in Los Angeles for a series of "This is It" comeback concerts in London, and of negligently hiring doctor Conrad Murray to look after him.

Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in 2011 over Jackson's June 25, 2009 death from an overdose of the surgical anesthetic propofol, administered to help the 50-year-old singer with chronic insomnia.

Katherine Jackson wept in court on the first day of testimony Friday, which was cut short when she appeared confused, a short time after AEG Live's lawyer began grilling her.

Yesterday Putnam resumed his questioning. In tense exchanges, he asked her about the figure of \$1.5-1.7 billion she was reportedly seeking in damages from the tour promoter.

Baron Cohen pulls out of Freddie Mercury biopic



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - British comic actor Sacha Baron Cohen has pulled out of a long-planned film about flamboyant Queen frontman Freddie Mercury, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Industry journal cited his manager as saying the withdrawal was due to "creative differences" with producers over the movie's tone.

The as-yet untitled film is being made by GK Films, in partnership with Hollywood A-lister Robert De Niro and Jane Rosenthal's Tribeca Productions and Queen Films.

Baron Cohen -- whose hit movie characters include bumbling Kazakh reporter Borat, gay Austrian fashionista Bruno and wannabe gangster

Ali G -- was confirmed as linked to the project nearly three years ago.

Peter Morgan -- who scripted the films "Frost/Nixon" and "The Queen" -- has written the screenplay for the film, planned to focus on the years leading up to Queen's stellar performance at the 1985 Live Aid concert.

Mercury died of AIDS-related pneumonia in 1991 at the age of 45.

Baron Cohen is working on a spy spoof for Hollywood studio Paramount, focused on a secret agent who goes on the run with his football hooligan brother, according to the BBC.

He has written and will also star in the film.



MADRID (AFP) - Oscar-winning Spanish film stars Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem had their second child on Monday -- a girl according to Spanish media reports. The new arrival is the couple's second child. They are already parents to two-year-old son Leonardo, who was born at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles in 2011. Cruz, 39, and Bardem, 44, met when they starred opposite each other as lusty teens in Bigas Luna's film "Jamon, Jamon," back in 1992. The couple married in July 2010 at a ceremony in the Bahamas after keeping their romance quiet for years.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

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SPORTS

Boxing: Former champ Emile Griffith dies



NEW YORK CITY, (AFP) - Former welterweight champion Emile Griffith, best known for the brutal 1962 world title fight that claimed the life of bitter rival Benny Paret, died Tuesday. He was 75.

Griffith, who suffered from dementia, died at a care facility in New York, the International Boxing Hall of Fame confirmed in a statement.

Griffith's infamous rivalry with the Cuban-born Paret ended in a fatal third meeting between the two boxers at Madison Square Garden on March 24, 1962 for the welterweight title.

According to a 2005 documentary, Paret had allegedly enraged Griffith prior to the bout by taunting him in Spanish with the deeply offensive homophobic slur "maricon" (faggot).

Griffith, who married dancer Mercedes Donastrog in 1971 but later admitted to being bisexual, claimed victory over Paret with a savage 12th-round assault.

An unconscious Paret was propped up on the ropes as Griffith rained blows on him for several seconds before he slumped to the canvas. Paret never regained consciousness and died in hospital 10 days later.

The savagery of the fight had lasting implications for boxing in the United States, leading ABC television to pull the plug on live broadcasts for years afterward.

Referee Ruby Goldstein, criticized for not intervening to stop Griffith's furious late assault, never officiated again.

While Griffith would later go on to win several other titles before retiring in 1977, many boxing fans said he was never the same after the fateful bout with Paret.

Tennis: Federer a man on a mission at his home Gstaad

GSTAAD (AFP) - Roger Federer will concentrate on both his own fitness and the state of his new prototype racquet as he makes his first appearance at the Swiss Open since winning it in 2004.

The top seed's first opponent after a bye will be German Daniel Brands on Wednesday, a player he beat in three sets in last week's first round.

Brands defeated Federer's longtime mate Marco Chiudinelli, a fellow Basel native, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 to set up the rematch.



Federer, who has been playing since last week with a larger, 98-square-inch racquet after competing for most of his career with a 90-square-inch model, remains quietly confident that he will be able to make the big switch before travelling to Canada in little more than a week to prepare for the Montreal Masters.

Federer is trying to put behind him his loss in the semi-final last week in Hamburg to Argentine qualifier Federico Delbonis, who put out holder and two-time champion Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 7-5, 7-6 (7/2) in his opening Gstaad effort.

Federer nudged aside more queries about the state of his back, which occasionally bothers him and which appeared to be taped in Hamburg. He said: "Honestly, last week was not optimal, I couldn't play as free as I would have liked to do."

Four Spaniards advanced to the second round.

Eighth seed Robert Bautista Agut beat Swiss wild card Henri Laaksonen 6-2, 6-3 with the Finland-born youngster admitting that he put on a poor

performance on the main showcourt.

Daniel Gimeno-Traver beat

Frenchman Kenny De Schep- per 6-4, 6-3 while Spain's Pablo Andujar crushed Victor Crivoi of Romania 6-1, 6-2, ending a five-match first-round losing streak going back to May in Paris.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez completed the matched set with his win over Adrian Ungur of Romania 6-4, 6-7 (2/7), 6-1.

2008 winner Victor Hanesu defeated Germany's Dustin Brown 7-6 (3/6), 6-2 while Robin Haase stopped Brazilian Joao Souza 6-4, 7-6 (9/7).

COPA LIBERTADORES FINAL:



— Paraguay's Club Olimpia head into the second leg of the Copa Libertadores final with a 2-0 lead over Brazil's Atletico Mineiro despite the Brazilian side boasting Ronaldinho as a key player. The first leg now secure, Olimpia have put themselves in with a great opportunity of adding to the three Libertadores titles already to their name, the last of which came in the club's centenary year in 2002. The tie is far from over, however, with Mineiro desperate to overturn the first leg deficit. The eventual winner of the Libertadores will qualify for the Club World Cup in December, which, although often lightly regarded in Europe, is the biggest date on the calendar for clubs in South America. The return leg of the finely balanced tie will be played today in the Estadio Mineirao, Belo Horizonte.

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NASCAR, NBC announce 10-yr deal

NASCAR has finalized the other half of its next long-term TV contract with NBC and severed future broadcast ties with ESPN and Turner Sports. NBC and Fox will share rights to the Sprint Cup Series beginning with the 2015 season. NBC and NASCAR agreed to a contract that runs from 2015-2024.

The multibillion-dollar deal means ESPN, which has the final 17 of the series' 36 annual races, and TNT (Turner Sports), which has six races in the summer, will no longer carry Cup events after next year.

NASCAR and NBC declined to discuss financial terms of their deal. But NBC likely paid



a substantial premium for the rights that put the price tag at \$4 billion or more, according to people with knowledge of the pact but not authorized to publicly discuss it.

The new deal also calls for NBC to carry the final 19 Nationwide races of the season (four on NBC and 15 on NBC Sports Network). NASCAR is still negotiating the TV rights

for the first half of the Nationwide season.

The deal was announced just as ESPN is starting its Cup coverage this Sunday with the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. TV ratings for NASCAR stock-car racing have flattened in recent years, but Cup races still averaged about 5.8 million viewers last year.

Football: Juventus biggest financial winners from UCL

PARIS (AFP) - Juventus may have been knocked out in the quarter-finals but they were the biggest financial winners from last season's Champions League competition.

Bayern Munich beat German compatriots Borussia Dortmund 2-1 in May's Wembley final yet neither side could match Juve's earning power, a UEFA report said.

The Italian champions made 65.3 million euros (\$86.3 million) last season from their participation, more than 10 million euros more than Bayern earned.

The two finalists unsurprisingly were the next biggest winners with Bayern earning 55.0 million euros and Dortmund making 54.2 million euros.

The 32 clubs participating in the group stages shared out

904.6 million euros, according to UEFA.

The main difference between the German pair and Juve was television rights with the Turin giants earning 44.8 million euros from that alone, compared with just 19.1 million euros for Bayern.

AC Milan, who only made it to the second round, were the next biggest winners with 51.4 million euros ahead of Spanish losing semi-finalists Real Madrid (48.4m) and Barcelona (45.5m) and French quarter-finalists Paris Saint-Germain (44.7m).

The top English earners were Manchester United, who earned 35.6 million euros despite their second round exit.

The smallest share of 10.5 million euros went to Dynamo Zagreb.

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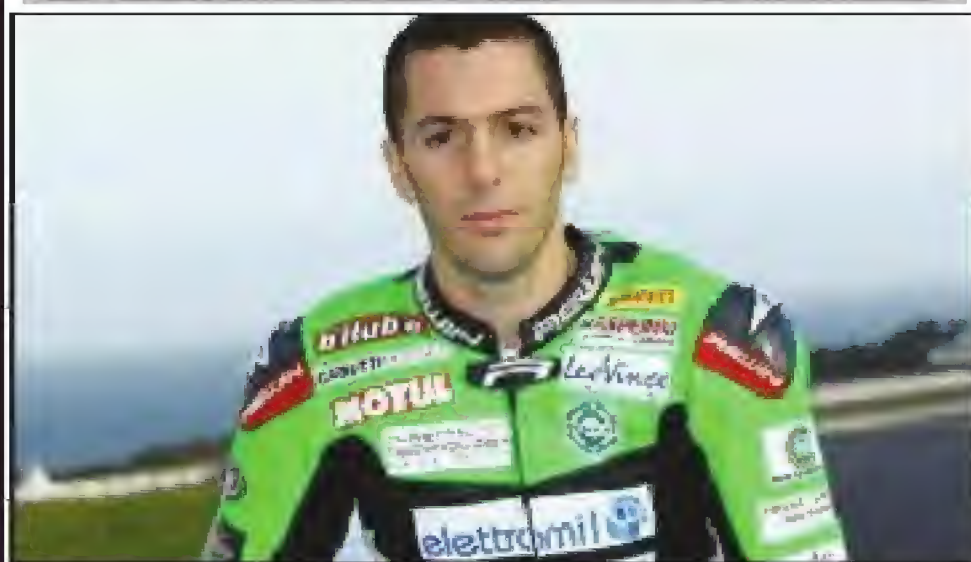
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Andrea Antonelli, Italian Motorcycle Racer, Dies In Crash



-- Andrea Antonelli an Italian motorcycle racer of team Goeleven Kawasaki was killed on Sunday in a motorcycle crash during a race in Moscow. The track for the World Supersport Race was slick because it was raining that day. The 25-year-old Antonelli crashed during the first lap of the race. Reports say that Antonelli lost control of his bike and his head collided with the bike of another rider. Medical officials at the scene called an ambulance, not wanting to risk a helicopter transport due to the seriousness of his the racer's injuries. Racing officials at the Moscow track at first postponed the remaining races until the afternoon but later canceled them indefinitely.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	60	41	.594	—
TAMPA	59	41	.590	0.5
BALTIMORE	57	43	.570	2.5
YANKEES	52	47	.525	7.0
TORONTO	45	53	.459	13.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	54	44	.551	—
CLEVELAND	52	47	.525	2.5
KANSAS	45	51	.469	8.0
MINNESOTA	42	54	.438	11.0
CHICAGO	39	57	.406	14.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	58	41	.586	—
TEXAS	55	44	.556	3.0
SEATTLE	47	52	.475	11.0
LA ANGELES	46	51	.474	11.0
HOUSTON	33	65	.337	24.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	56	43	.566	—
PHILADELPHIA	49	50	.495	7.0
WASHINGTON	48	51	.485	8.0
NY METS	43	52	.453	11.0
MIAMI	36	61	.371	19.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	57	36	.613	—
PITTSBURGH	56	37	.602	1.0
CINCINNATI	53	42	.558	5.0
CHICAGO	42	51	.452	15.0
MILWAUKEE	38	56	.404	19.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	51	47	.520	—
ARIZONA	51	48	.515	0.5
COLORADO	48	52	.480	4.0
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Swimming/Diving: China continue world diving domination



He Chong and Qin Kai of China

BARCELONA (AFP) - Chinese diving duo Qin Kai and He Chong combined for gold in the men's 3m synchronised springboard event on Tuesday as the Asian heavyweights continued to dominate on the fourth day of diving action in

Barcelona.

Qin and He racked up 448.86 points to finish well clear of the Russian pair of Evgeny Kuznetsov and Ilya Zakharov in second and Mexicans Jahir Ocampo and Rommel Pacheco in third.

China have now won five of the six events so far in the Catalan capital and their incredible record in the 3m synchronised springboard world championship finals was never in doubt thanks to the professional performance of the experienced Qin and He.

The duo now have a haul of 10 world championship gold medals between them, along with three Olympic golds and He believes they are well-placed to team up for another shot at glory at the Rio Olympics in three years' time.

Earlier in the day, He Zi had also taken gold for China in the women's 1m springboard final, but it was a much closer call for the 22-year-old as she had to produce an immaculate final dive to edge out Italy's Tania Cagnotto by a mere tenth of a point with He's compatriot Wang Han taking bronze.

It was the smallest ever margin between a gold and silver medalist at a world championship event and He claimed that factor made victory all the sweeter.

"Knowing that, I even give more value to my gold medal!"

Out in the open water of the Moll de la Fusta harbour there was a one-two for Brazil in the women's 10km race as Poliana Cintra Okimoto pipped Ana Marcela Cunha to victory as both women picked up their

second medals of the championships.

Okimoto and Cunha had finished second and third respectively behind American Hayley Anderson in Saturday's 5km race and sent a strong message that they will be contenders for gold on home soil at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

"I am really happy to have my second medal in these world championships. I felt strong during the race," said Okimoto afterwards.

Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox agree to new deal

-- Dustin Pedroia is likely to end his career as a member of the Red Sox. The second baseman has agreed to terms on a seven-year, \$100 million contract extension that would take him through the 2021 season—at which point he will be 38 years-old—a baseball source confirmed to the Globe. Pedroia is signed through the 2014 season. Pedroia has become a cornerstone for the Red Sox since taking over as the starting second baseman in 2007. He won the Rookie of the Year award that year, and then AL MVP honors the next. He's also been a four-time All-Star, with his most recent honor coming at last week's Midsummer Classic. This season, he has hit .308 with a .385 OBP, six home runs and 57 RBIs (through Monday's game).



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